

IC 9-21-13

Chapter 13. Funeral Processions

IC 9-21-13-0.3

"Funeral escort"

Sec. 0.3. As used in this chapter, "funeral escort" means a person that provides escort services for funeral processions.

As added by P.L.236-2003, SEC.6.

IC 9-21-13-0.5

"Funeral procession"

Sec. 0.5. As used in this chapter, "funeral procession" means two (2) or more vehicles, including a lead or a funeral escort vehicle, accompanying human remains.

As added by P.L.236-2003, SEC.7.

IC 9-21-13-1

Right-of-way at intersections; conditions; exceptions

Sec. 1. (a) A vehicle with lighted headlights in a funeral procession has the right-of-way at an intersection and may proceed through the intersection if the procession is headed by a lead or funeral escort vehicle displaying alternately flashing red and blue lights, except if either of the following conditions exist:

- (1) When the right-of-way is required by an authorized emergency vehicle giving an audible signal.
- (2) When the vehicles in procession are directed otherwise by a police officer.

(b) Before assuming the right-of-way, a person who drives a vehicle in the funeral procession must exercise due caution with regard to crossing traffic.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9. Amended by P.L.236-2003, SEC.8.

IC 9-21-13-2

Driving between vehicles of a funeral procession; prohibition; exceptions

Sec. 2. A person who drives a vehicle that is not in a funeral procession may not drive the vehicle between the vehicles of the funeral procession, except when:

- (1) authorized to do so by a traffic officer; or
- (2) the vehicle is an authorized emergency vehicle giving audible signal by siren.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9.

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Formation of procession and lighting headlights for purpose of securing right-of-way; prohibition

Sec. 3. A person who drives a vehicle that is not a part of a funeral procession may not join the procession or form a procession and have headlights lighted for the purpose of securing the right-of-way granted by this chapter to funeral processions.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9. Amended by P.L.236-2003, SEC.9.

IC 9-21-13-4

Lead and escort vehicles; flashing lights; restrictions on use

Sec. 4. (a) The lead and funeral escort vehicles in a funeral procession may be equipped with flashing amber lights that may be used only when the vehicles are used in a funeral procession.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provisions in this article that govern emergency vehicles, the lead and funeral escort vehicles in a funeral procession may be equipped with flashing red lights that may be used only when the vehicles are used in a funeral procession. The flashing red lights may only be used to gain the right-of-way at intersections and to protect a funeral procession while crossing an intersection.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9. Amended by P.L.236-2003, SEC.10.

IC 9-21-13-4.5

Funeral procession; duty to exercise due caution; required lights

Sec. 4.5. (a) A person operating a vehicle in a funeral procession:

- (1) must exercise due caution while in the funeral procession; and
- (2) must follow the preceding vehicle in the funeral procession as closely as is practical and safe.

(b) A vehicle that is part of a funeral procession:

- (1) must have its headlights and taillights illuminated; and
- (2) may display flashing amber lights.

(c) The operator of:

- (1) a vehicle immediately following the lead vehicle in a funeral procession; and
- (2) the last vehicle in the funeral procession;

may illuminate the vehicle's hazard warning lights while in the funeral procession.

As added by P.L.236-2003, SEC.11.

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Vehicle in procession; pennants, flags, or windshield stickers; lights

Sec. 5. A vehicle that is a part of a funeral procession may use:

- (1) funeral pennants or flags;
 - (2) windshield stickers; or
 - (3) an amber light as described in section 4.5(b) of this chapter;
- to identify the vehicle as a part of the procession.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9. Amended by P.L.236-2003, SEC.12.

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Passing of funeral processions; multiple lane highways

Sec. 6. A person who drives a vehicle may pass a funeral procession on the procession's left side on a multiple lane highway if the passing can be done safely.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9.

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Violations; Class C infraction

Sec. 7. A person who violates this chapter commits a Class C infraction.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.9.